

History of Iowa Troops

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was placed in the loft of the cabin. The joists of the cabin were small poles overlaid with clapboards. At the end next the sod chimney the joist was about one foot from the wall, but the boards extended over it. Mr. Turner's bed was rather too hard for him to remain on one side long at a time, and he rolled over from side to side until he finally got too near the end of the building, the boards tipped up, and the unfortunate *squatter* was picked up in a blazing cabin fire, considerably worse for his fall. The loss of his hair, eye-brows, &c., constituted the principal damage he sustained, while his unexpected tumble caused the ladies some fright, and furnished the gentlemen something to laugh and joke about. When flakey darkness began to break in the east, and the "grey lines began to fret the clouds," our party dispersed; like unbridled colts

"——they take their courses
East, West, North, South;
Or, like a school broke up,
Each hurries towards his home,"

well pleased, and happier far than aught else could have rendered him at that time.

HISTORY OF IOWA TROOPS.

We anticipate great pleasure in the perusal of Mr. L. D. Ingersoll's forthcoming history of the part borne by the troops from this State in the recent conflict. The author, under the *nom de guerre* of "*Linkensale*," was well known throughout Iowa, before the war, as a ready, original and very entertaining political writer.

The battle of Wilson's Creek had no more than been fought when Ingersoll began to give practical form to the idea of writing a full and impartial history of every Iowa regiment, and to this end he visited in the field every body of troops from the State that was at all accessible—gleaning such information from the officers and men themselves as was necessary to a minute and truthful account of their gallant actions.

The work cannot but be interesting to every citizen of Iowa.

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